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CENSUS OF ABORIGINALS AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS IN QUEENSLAND. 30TH JUNE, 1941.

The Government Statistician with the co-operation of the Director of Native Affairs, District Protectors of Aboriginals, Superintendents of Settlements, Reserves and Missions, also the Protector of Islanders, has completed the Annual Census of Aboriginals and of Torres Strait Islanders as at 30th June, 1941.

CHANGES IN NUMBERS. During the past year there have been increases in the numbers of both full-bloods and half-castes. At 30th June, 1941, the population of full-blood Aboriginals in the State was 8,977 (5,107 males and 3,870 females) of half-castes 6,451 (3,293 males and 3,158 females). In the full-blood population, there were 6,909 adults and 2,068 children (persons under 12 years of age), an increase of 97 adults and 114 children, compared with the previous year. In the half-caste population adults numbered 3,480, and children 2,971, an increase of 175 adults and 112 children.

The number of Torres Strait Islanders was 3,795, or 68 more than in 1940, and comprised 2,398 adults and 1,397 children. Of these 96.8 per cent. or 2,331 adults and 1,344 children were full-blood Islanders.

SUPERVISION. The number of full-blood aboriginals under the control of the various authorities was as follows, figures for the year 1940 are shown in brackets:- Government Settlements, 1,509 (1,659); Government Protectors, 3,926 (3,959); Missions, 3,532 (3,137); and Government Reserve at Myora, 10 (11). Half-castes under the supervision of Government Settlements were 1,525 (1,536); Government Protectors 4,062 (3,592); Missions 844 (1,017); and Myora Reserve 20 (19).

Of the total population of Torres Strait Islanders, 3,414 full-bloods and 55 half-castes or 91.4 per cent. were under the control of the Protector of Islanders. The balance, 261 full-bloods and 65 half-castes were in Missions or on Government Settlements.

OCCUPATION.

(i) In Regular Employment. The number of full-blood Aboriginals in regular employment at 30th June, 1941 was 3,238, equivalent to 46.9 per cent. of adults, compared with 3,061 or 44.9 per cent. at 30th June, 1940. Full-blood Aboriginals in employment comprised 2,549 males and 689 females, and of these 1,707 (1,384 males and 323 females) were in supervised camps. There were 1,792 half-castes in regular employment, 1,330 males and 462 females, or 51.5 per cent. of adults. Of these persons, 610 (512 males and 98 females) lived in supervised camps.

Full-blood Torres Strait Islanders in employment numbered 870, and half-castes 31. Of these 818 full-bloods and 30 half-castes were in supervised camps.

(ii) Nomadic. Aboriginals returned as "Nomads" numbered 1,687, 885 males and 802 females, and consisted of 1,651 full-bloods and 36 half-castes, an increase of 165 full-bloods, but a decrease of 64 half-castes, compared with the previous year. Included in the total full-bloods were 1,341 adults and 310 children.

(iii) Others. Of the remainder of the aboriginal population - 4,088 full-bloods and 4,623 half-castes - 4,710 were children (2,339 males and 2,371 females) and of these 1,758 were full-bloods and 2,952 half-castes. The balance consisted of 4,001 persons - 1,297 males and 2,704 females - and included aged dependants of aboriginals and persons not working under Government agreement. The latter are engaged mainly in rural occupations, such as ring barking, trapping, and work on cattle stations, also alluvial tin mining.

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TABLE 1. - ABORIGINAL POPULATION - TEN YEARS.

AT 30th JUNE	FULL-BLOODS.			HALF-CASTES.			TOTAL FULL-BLOODS AND HALF-CASTES.
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
1932 ..	7,599	5,773	13,372	2,123	1,945	4,068	17,409
1933 ..	7,073	5,459	12,532	2,292	2,133	4,425	16,957
1934 ..	6,997	5,309	12,306	2,508	2,408	4,916	17,222
1935 ..	6,888	5,182	12,070	2,807	2,618	5,425	17,495
1936 ..	6,992	5,345	12,337	2,917	2,868	5,785	18,122
1937 ..	6,742	5,370	12,112	2,972	2,940	5,912	18,024
1938 ..	6,761	5,399	12,160	3,319	3,142	6,461	18,621
1939 ..	6,685	5,345	12,030	3,469	3,309	6,778	18,808
1940 ..	5,006	3,760	8,766	3,141	3,023	6,164	14,930
1941 ..	5,107	3,870	8,977	3,293	3,158	6,451	15,428

TABLE 2. - ABORIGINAL POPULATION (ADULTS AND CHILDREN) AT 30TH JUNE, 1940 AND 1941.

PARTICULARS.	1940		1941	
	Adults.	Children.	Adults.	Children.
FULL-BLOODS:				
Nomadic	1,288	198	1,341	310
In Supervised Camps -				
In regular employment ..	1,703	-	1,707	-
Not in regular employment	2,024	1,306	1,935	1,211
Others -				
In regular employment ..	1,358	-	1,531	-
Not in regular employment	439	450	395	547
Total:	6,812	1,954	6,909	2,068
HALF-CASTES:				
Nomadic	41	59	17	19
In Supervised Camps -				
In regular employment	731	-	610	-
Not in regular employment	671	1,279	682	1,171
Others -				
In regular employment	974	-	1,182	-
Not in regular employment	888	1,521	989	1,781
Total:	3,305	2,859	3,480	2,971
GRAND TOTAL PERSONS:	14,930		15,428	
Percentage Nomadic to Total:	10.6		10.9	

TABLE 3 - ABORIGINAL POPULATION (MALES AND FEMALES) AT 30TH JUNE, 1941.

PARTICULARS.	UNDER CONTROL OF -				TOTAL.
	Government Settlements.	Government Reserves a.	District Government Protectors	Missions.	
FULL-BLOODS:					
In Supervised Camps -					
In Regular Employment	645	1	397	664	1,707
Others ..	793	9	785	1,559	3,146
Not in Supervised Camps -					
In Regular Employment	58	-	1,363	110	1,531
Nomadic ..	-	-	551	1,100	1,651
Others ..	13	-	830	99	942
Total Full-Bloods -					
Males ..	889	2	2,396	1,820	5,107
Females ..	620	8	1,530	1,712	3,870
Persons ..	1,509	10	3,926	3,532	8,977
HALF-CASTES:					
In Supervised Camps -					
In Regular Employment	348	5	60	197	610
Others ..	1,118	15	176	544	1,853
Not in Supervised Camps -					
In Regular Employment	50	-	1,076	56	1,182
Nomadic ..	-	-	36	-	36
Others ..	9	-	2,714	47	2,770
Total Half-Castes -					
Males ..	743	9	2,147	394	3,293
Females ..	782	11	1,915	450	3,158
Persons ..	1,525	20	4,062	844	6,451
GRAND TOTAL FULL-BLOODS AND HALF-CASTES:	3,034	30	7,988	4,376	15,428

a. Government Reserve, with Resident Superintendent.

TABLE 4 - POPULATION OF TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS AT 30TH JUNE, 1941.

Particulars.	Government Settlements.		Island Protectorates.		Missions.		Total.
	Adults	Children	Adults	Children	Adults	Children	
FULL-BLOODS:							
In Supervised Camps -							
In Regular Employment	15	-	760	-	43	-	818
Others ..	3	6	1,359	1,242	74	80	2,764
Not in Supervised Camps -							
In Regular Employment	-	-	12	-	40	-	52
Nomadic ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others ..	-	-	25	16	-	-	41
Total Full-Blood Islanders -							
Males ..	15	2	1,133	622	71	44	1,887
Females ..	3	4	1,023	636	86	36	1,788
Persons ..	18	6	2,156	1,258	157	80	3,675
HALF-CASTES:							
In Supervised Camps -							
In Regular Employment	-	-	18	-	12	-	30
Others ..	-	-	19	18	17	35	89
Not in Supervised Camps -							
In Regular Employment	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Nomadic ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Half-Caste Islanders -							
Males ..	-	-	19	9	13	20	61
Females ..	-	-	18	9	17	15	59
Persons ..	-	-	37	18	30	35	120
GRAND TOTAL ISLANDERS:	18	6	2,193	1,276	187	115	3,795

TABLE 5 - TOTALS FOR TEN YEARS.

YEAR.	ABORIGINALS.					TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS. b.
	Under Control of -				Total.	
	Government Settlements	Government Reserves a.	District Government Protectors	Missions.		
1932 ..	2,338		11,436	3,635	17,409	
1933 ..	2,471		10,706	3,780	16,957	
1934 ..	2,643		10,920	3,659	17,222	
1935 ..	2,737		10,832	3,926	17,495	
1936 ..	2,830		11,080	4,212	18,122	
1937 ..	2,883		10,858	4,283	18,024	
1938 ..	2,982	37	11,096	4,506	18,621	
1939 ..	3,174	30	11,093	4,511	18,808	
1940 ..	3,195	30	7,551	4,154	14,930	3,727
1941 ..	3,034	30	7,988	4,376	15,428	3,795

a. Government Reserve, with Resident Superintendent; figures previously included in Missions Total.

b. Islanders were previously included, mainly, in total under District Government Protectors.